GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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BANNING USE OF GELATIN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether many countries like USA, China have banned use of Gelatin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether several States including Andhra Pradesh have requested to amend the Indian Explosive Act, 1884 and rules thereunder to stop manufacture and banning use Gelatin based explosive in favour of slurry; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Dr. Raman Singh)

(a)&(b) As per available information Nitro-Glycerine based GelatineExplosives have not been banned in countries like USA and China.

(c)&(d) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh alone has requested the Central Government to amend the Explosives Act, 1884 and the Rules thereunder to ban manufacture, sale and use of Nitro-Glycerine based explosives in favour of slurry.

Given the special and continued usage of Nitro-Glycerine based explosives in high precision, under water and low temperature situations, an immediate ban may not be feasible. The long term phasing out of Nitro-Glycerine based Explosives is being examined by a Committee consisting of Chief Controller of Explosives and Chairman, Development Council for Explosives Industry in consultation with all concerned. In addition, the Chief Controller of Explosives has been asked to examine in the short tem the proposal of banning the sale and use of Nitgro-Glycerine based explosives in Andhra Pradesh in consultation with various stake holders.